

radially outwardly from a periphery thereof and radially inwardly via said cooling fin to return to the central portion of said at least one cooling fan.--

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An alternator for use in an automobile includes brackets for supporting a rotation shaft at both sides of a rotor, being thermally connected to a stator for supporting the stator, while one side of the rotor is closed by a bracket. A cooling water passage is provided in the bracket, a cooling fan is provided on the closed side of the rotor, and a cooling fin provided opposing to the cooling fan and in vicinity of the cooling water passage, thereby enabling cool down of the stator and the rotor, effectively, with low noises, and thereby obtaining a high power output.

REMARKS

At the outset, applicants note that this amendment is being submitted within three months of the date of the Office Action of October 23, 2002, even though a shortened statutory period for reply was not set in the Office Action.

By the present amendment, the specification has been amended to overcome the informalities noted by the Examiner and claims 1, 7, 9 and 10 have been amended in a manner which is considered to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as will be discussed below. New dependent claims 16 and 17 have been presented and the abstract has been amended.

Applicants assume that in light of the Examiner's indication that the requirement for restriction is deemed proper and made FINAL, the Examiner has withdrawn claims 11-14 from consideration at this time, noting that only claims 1-10 appear to be under rejection.